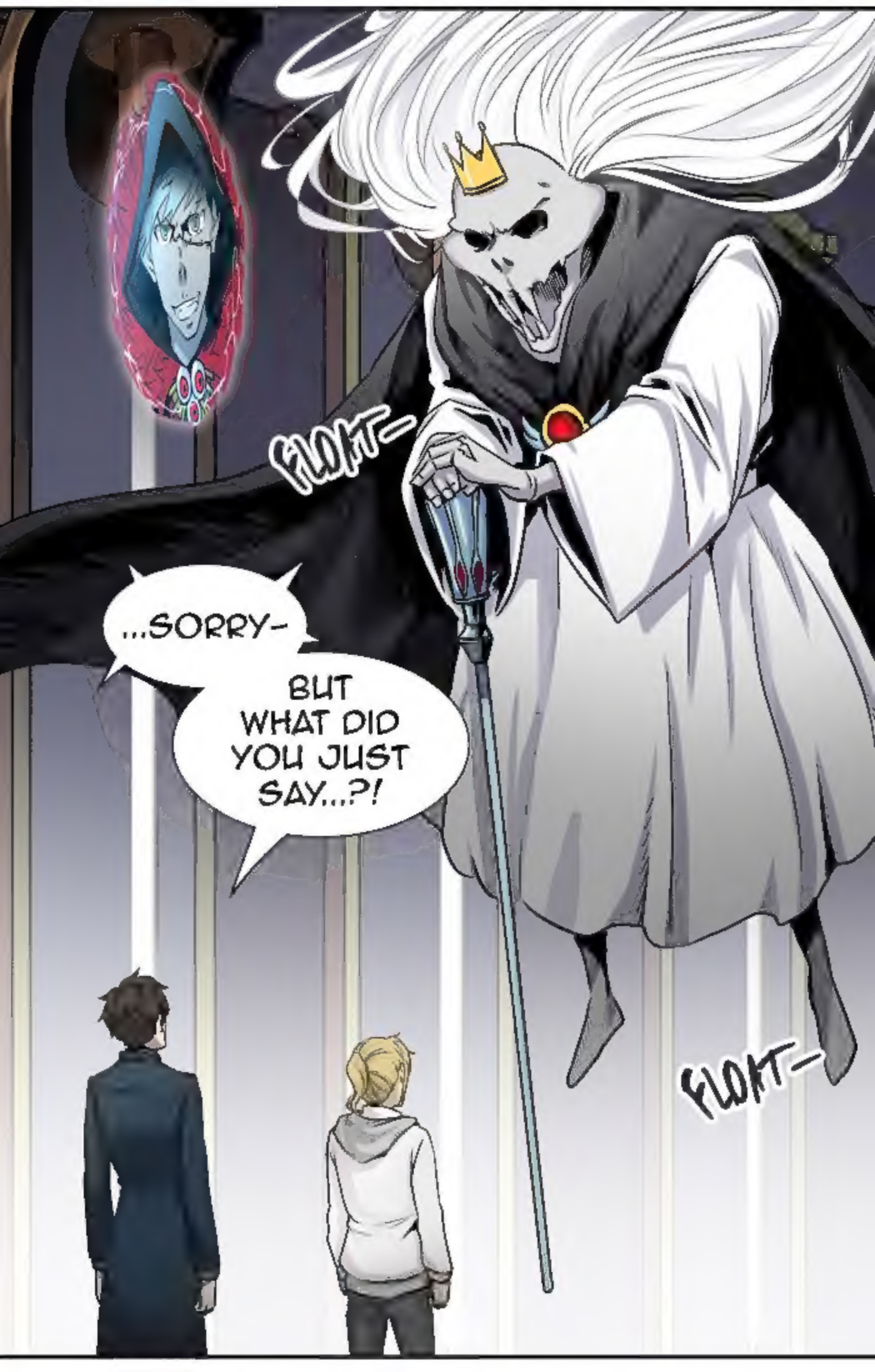
FLOAT—
...SORRY—
BUT WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY...?!
FLOAT—

THIS KID'S NAME IS HELL JOE!
HE BETRAYED AND TRAPPED MY BROTHER DE SAH AND BECAME THE RULER OF THE SOUTH CITY!
HE'S A SHAMELESS, RUTHLESS BASTARD WHO CONQUERED THE HOLES AND ABUSES ITS POWER!!
WHISH!!

IF YOU GUYS REALLY ARE SAVIORS WORTHY OF OBTAINING THE THORN FRAGMENT!!
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PUNISH HELL JOE AND BRING PEACE TO THE SOUTH CITY!!

SO IF YOU DEFEAT HELL JOE AND FREE MY BROTHER
I WILL TELL YOU THE LOCATION OF THE THORN FRAGMENT THAT YOU WANT!!
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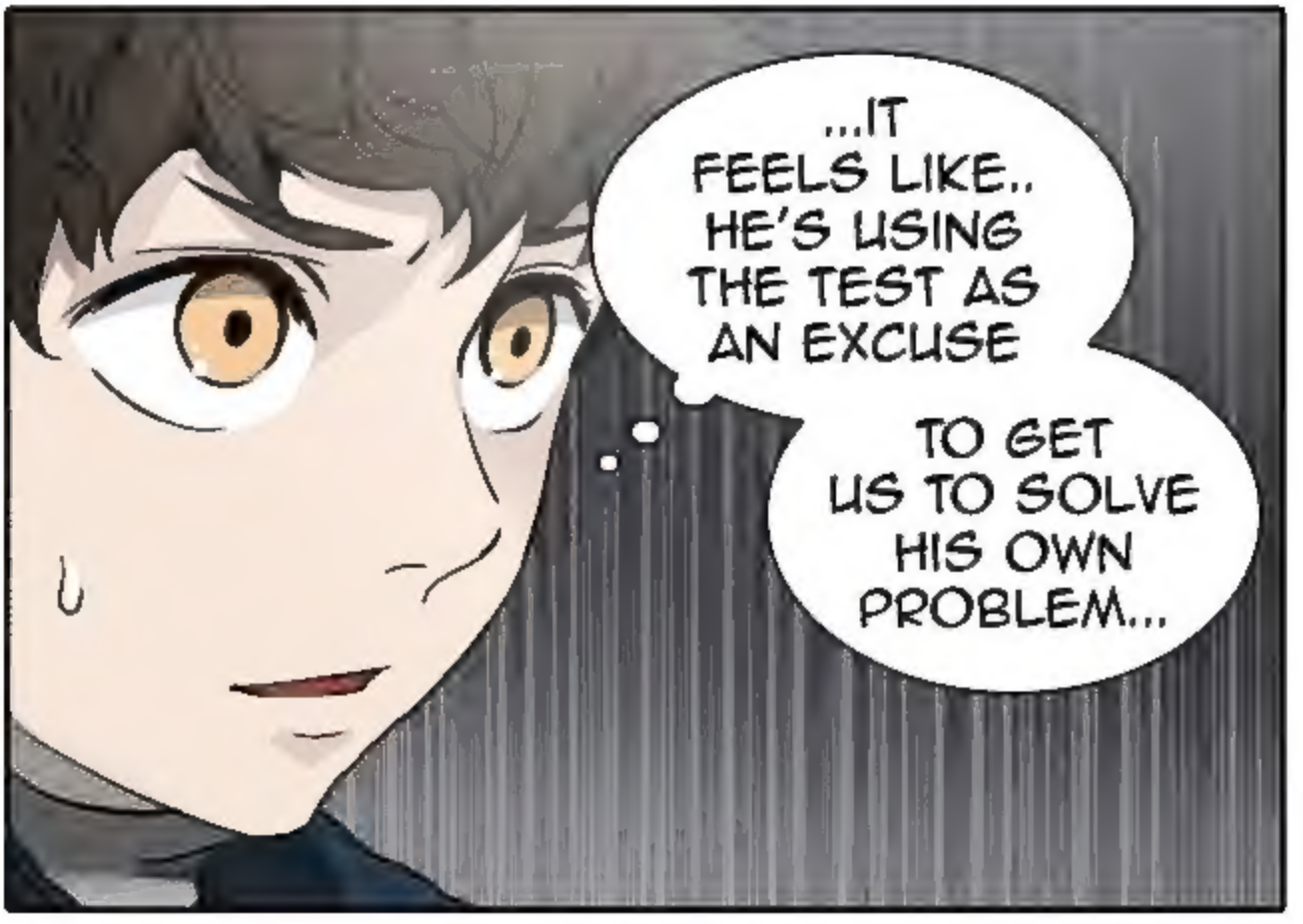
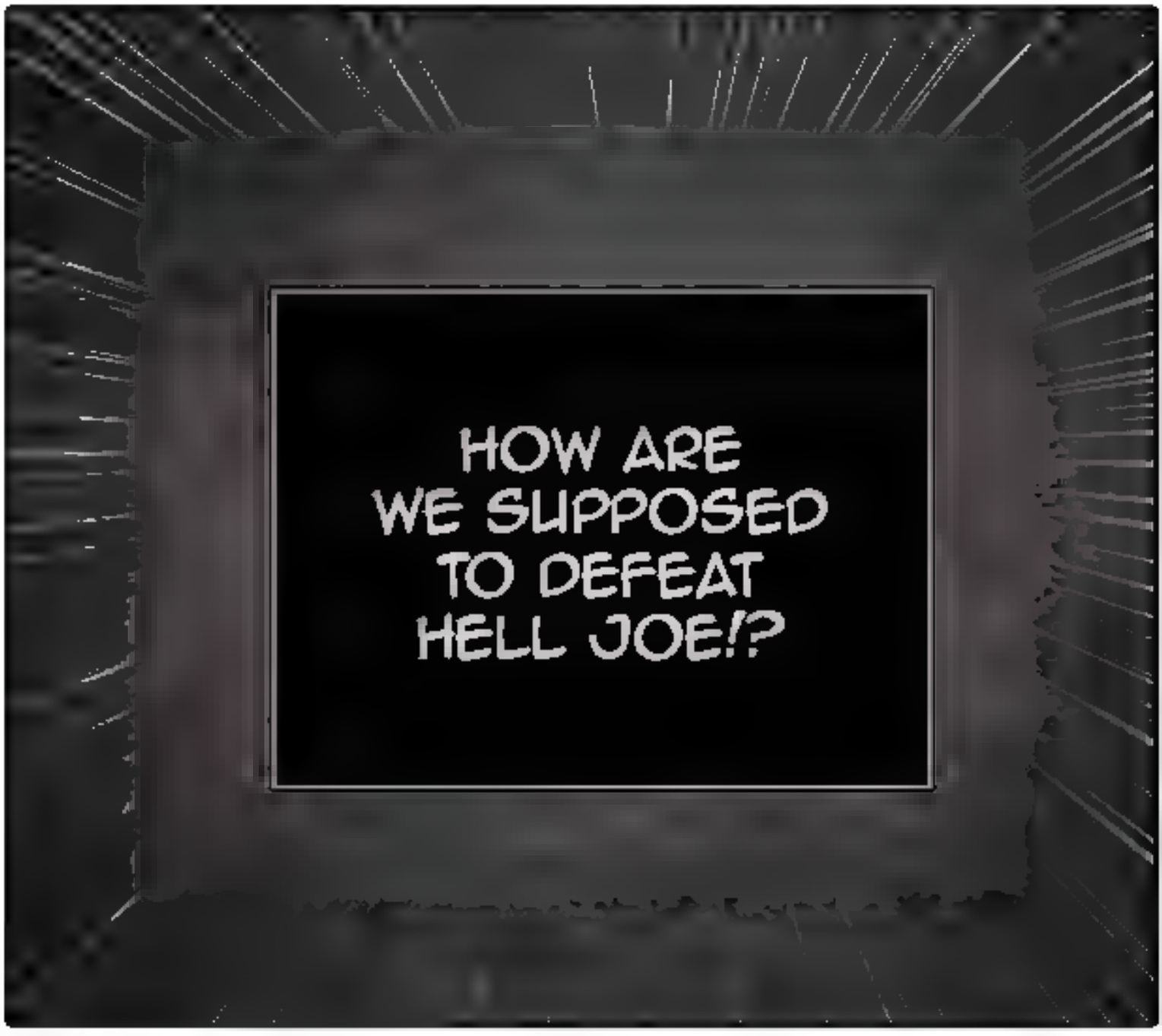

...IT FEELS LIKE.. HE'S USING THE TEST AS AN EXCUSE
TO GET US TO SOLVE HIS OWN PROBLEM...

URGH
THIS IS...
RIDICULOUS..!!

BASED ON WHAT I HEARD ON THE WAY HERE, HELL JOE IS SO POWERFUL THAT NOT EVEN KARAKA TAKES HIM LIGHTLY...

HE COMMANDS AN ARMY OF IMMORTAL WARRIORS

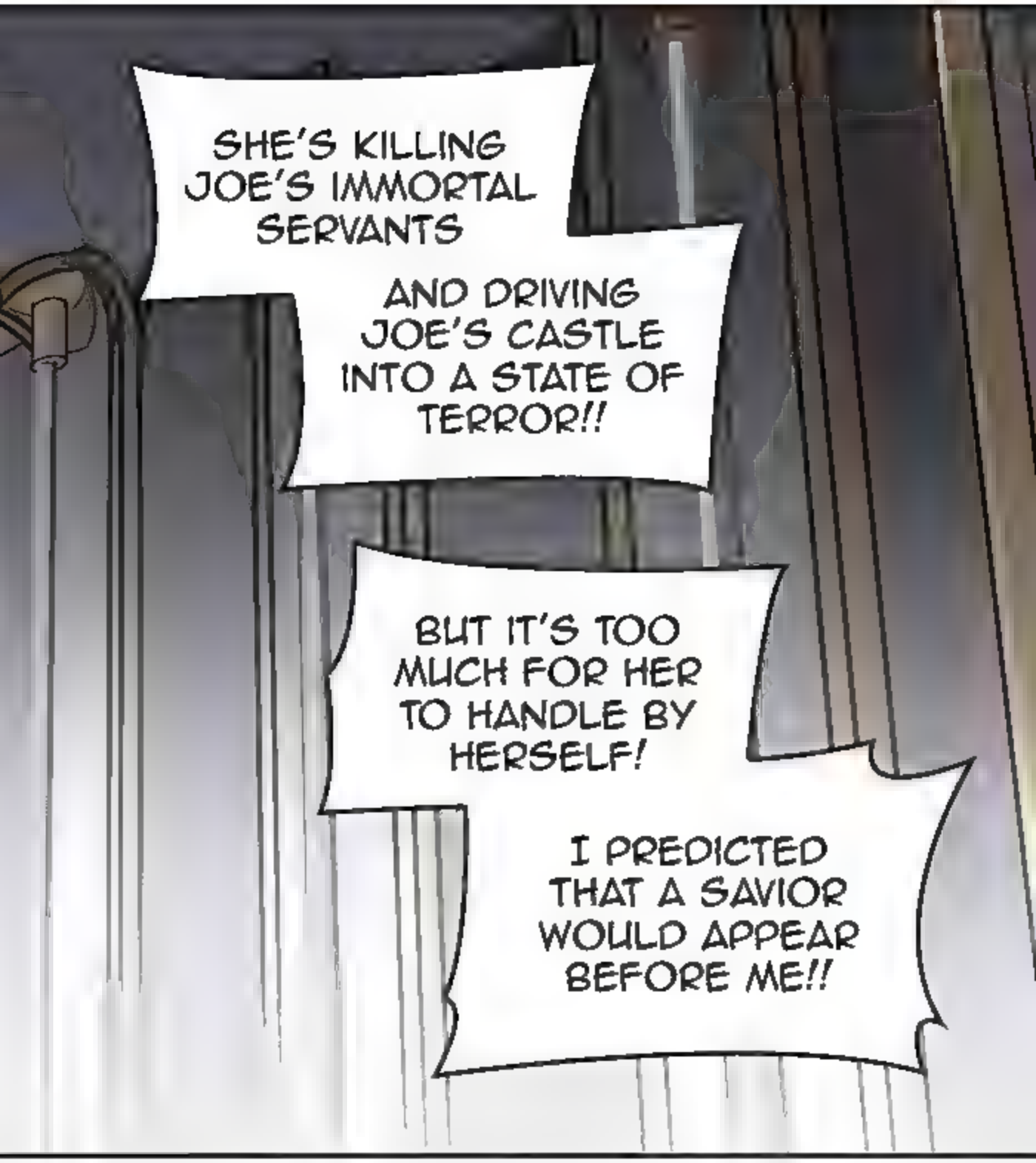
AND HE HIMSELF SEEMS TO BE IMMORTAL TOO.


HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED
TO DEFEAT
HELL JOE!?

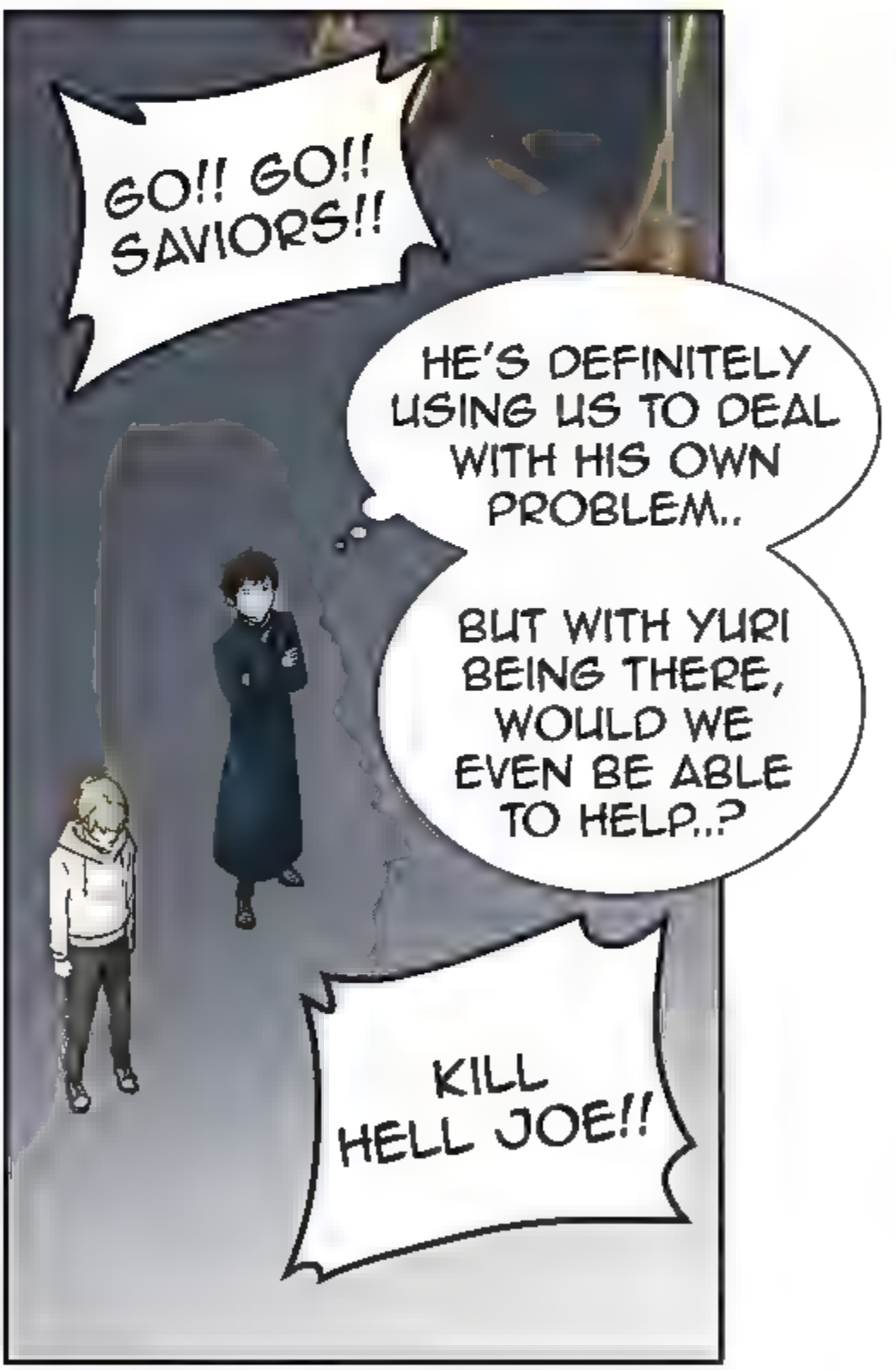
ACTUALLY, BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE,
A SUSPICIOUS PERSON APPEARED IN JOE'S CASTLE.
WHAT?
I WAS SURE THAT SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE SAVIOR!!

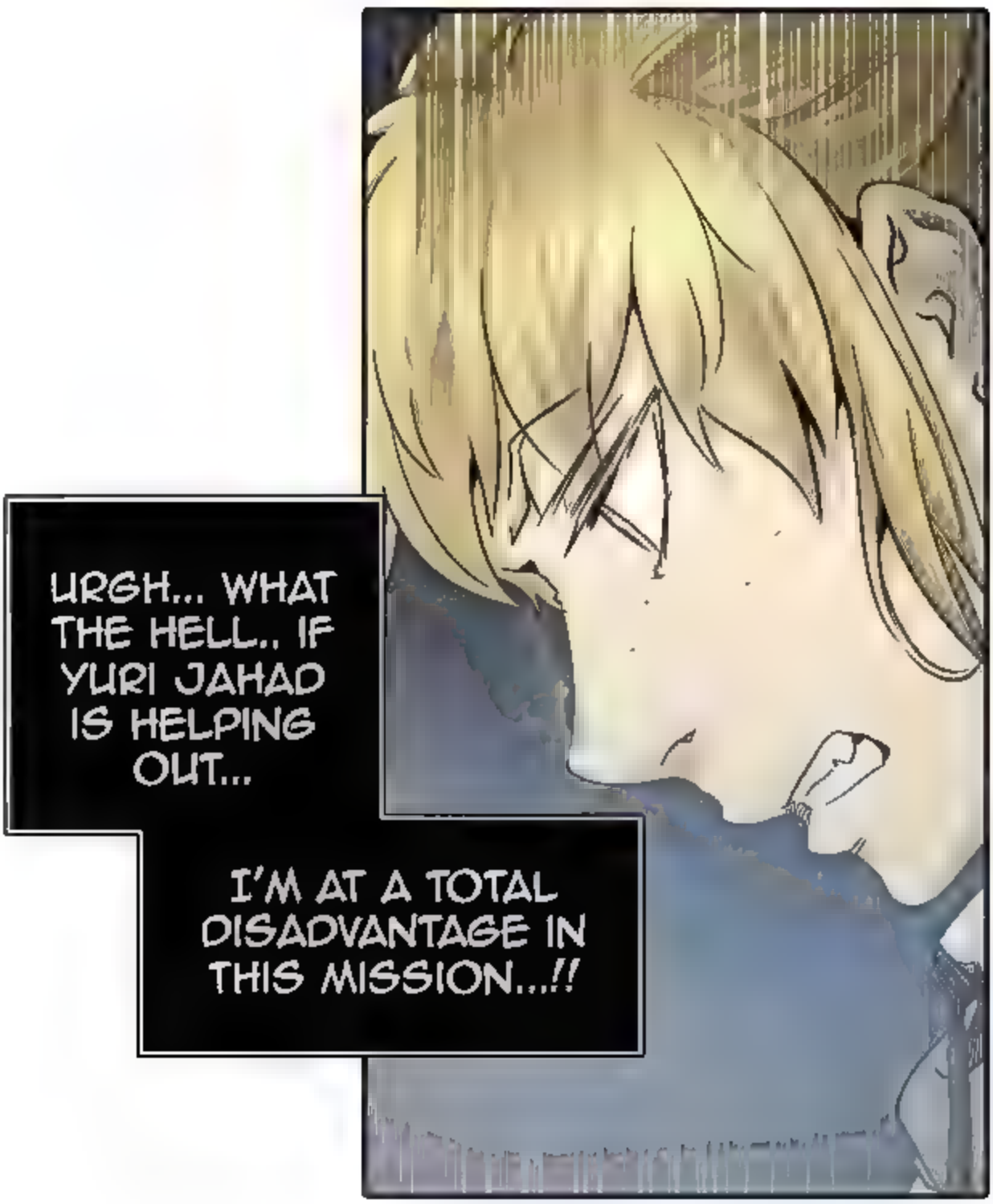
THIS IS HER!!
!!

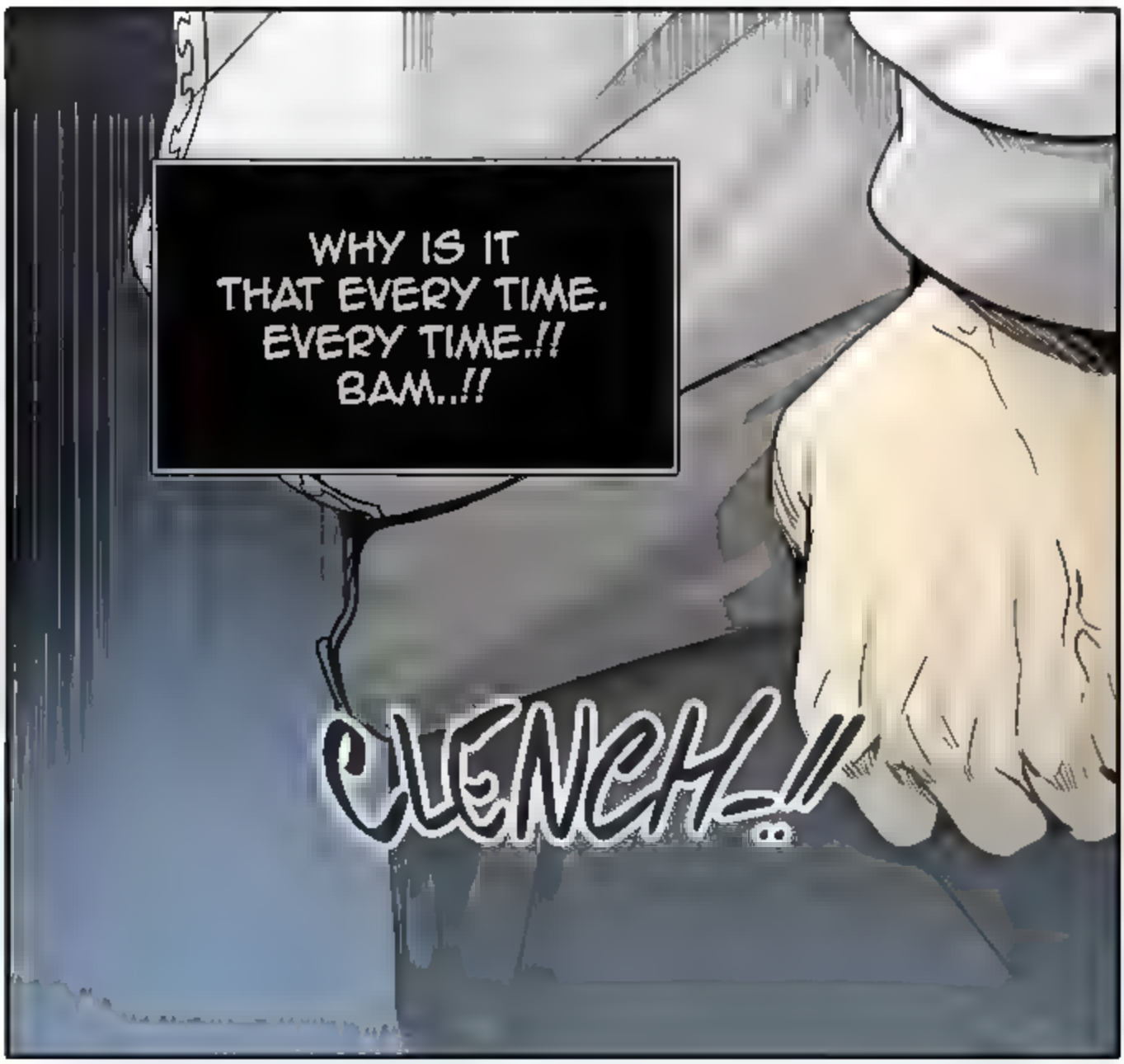
Y...YURI!?
WHAT IS SHE DOING THERE!?
SO YOU DO KNOW HER!!
...!

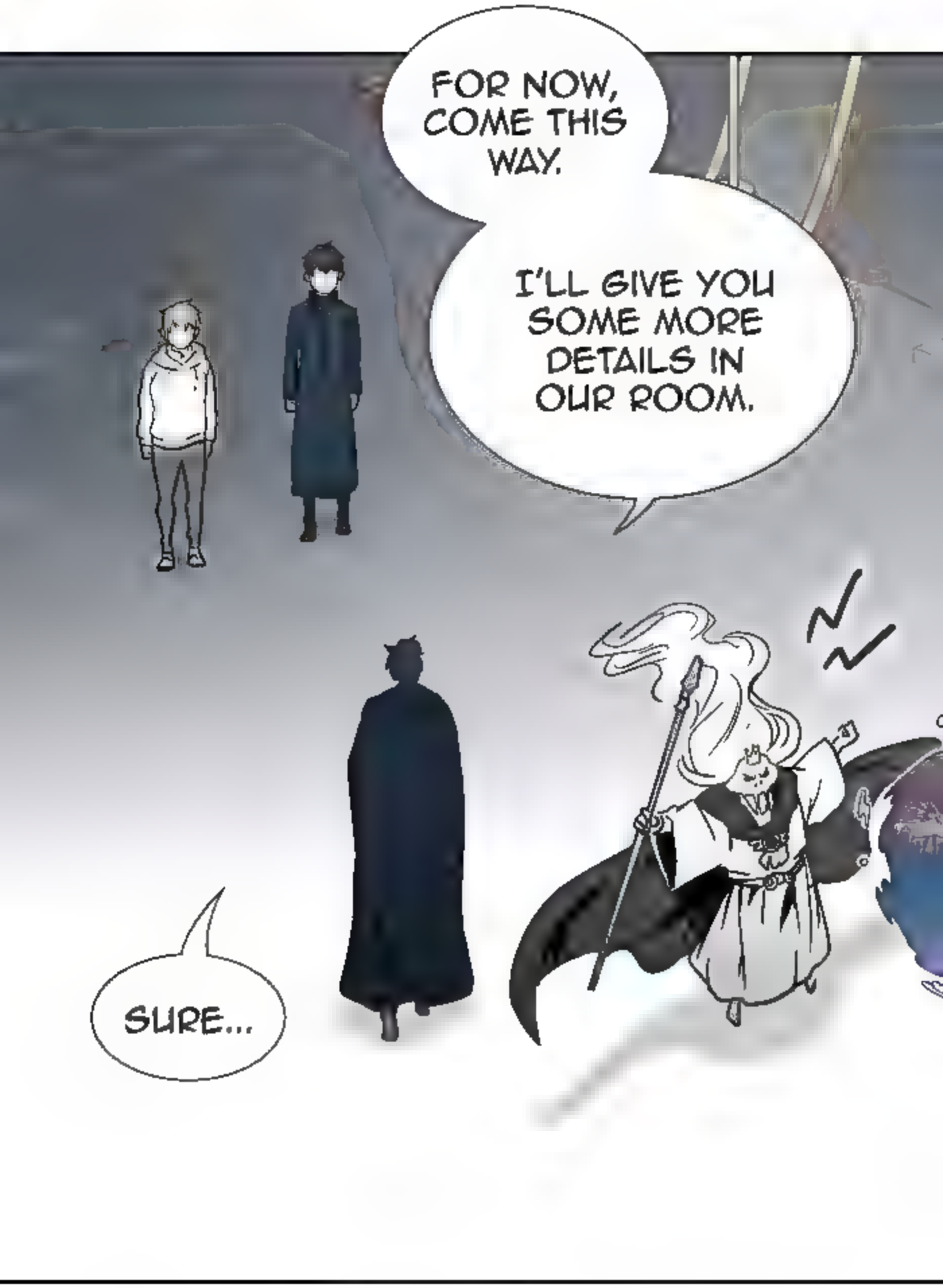

SHE'S KILLING JOE'S IMMORTAL SERVANTS
AND DRIVING JOE'S CASTLE INTO A STATE OF TERROR!!
BUT IT'S TOO MUCH FOR HER TO HANDLE BY HERSELF!
I PREDICTED THAT A SAVIOR WOULD APPEAR BEFORE ME!!

NOW!! USE HER ENERGY TO CHARGE INTO THE CASTLE RIGHT NOW,
DEFEAT JOE, AND RELEASE DE SAH, SAVIORS!!
SSku


GO!! GO!! SAVIORS!!
HE'S DEFINITELY USING US TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN PROBLEM..
BUT WITH YURI BEING THERE, WOULD WE EVEN BE ABLE TO HELP..?
KILL HELL JOE!!


URGH... WHAT THE HELL.. IF YURI JAHAD IS HELPING OUT...
I'M AT A TOTAL DISADVANTAGE IN THIS MISSION...!!


WHY IS IT
THAT EVERY TIME.
EVERY TIME.!!
BAM..!!
CLENCH..!!


FOR NOW, COME THIS WAY.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MORE DETAILS IN OUR ROOM.
SURE...

KILL HIM!!
....?
SHE'S SO SO COOL!!
SIR PLEASE RECOVER YOUR DIGNITY.

KRRRRRR
BUT YURI...
SHE LOOKS KIND OF STRANGE...

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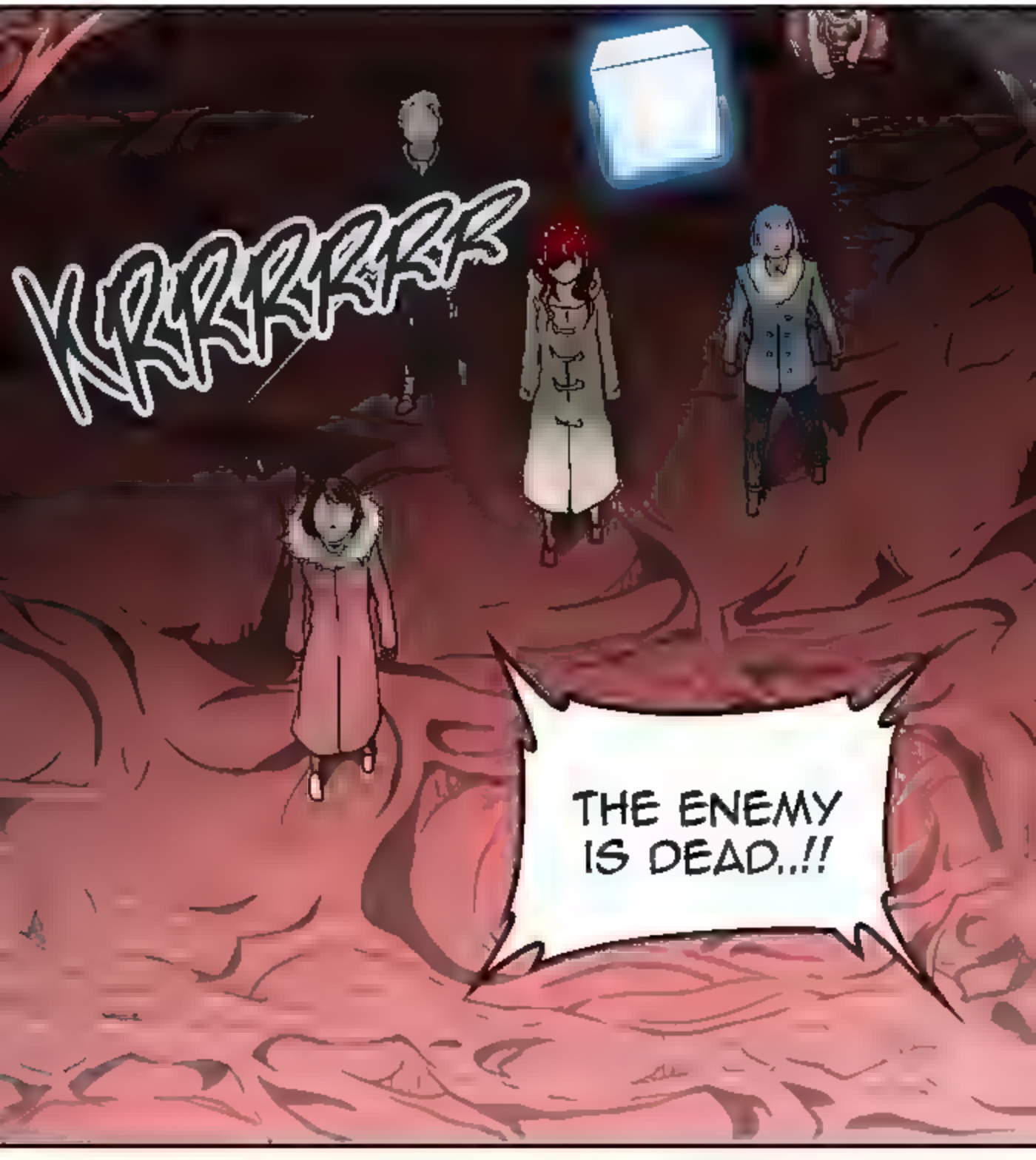
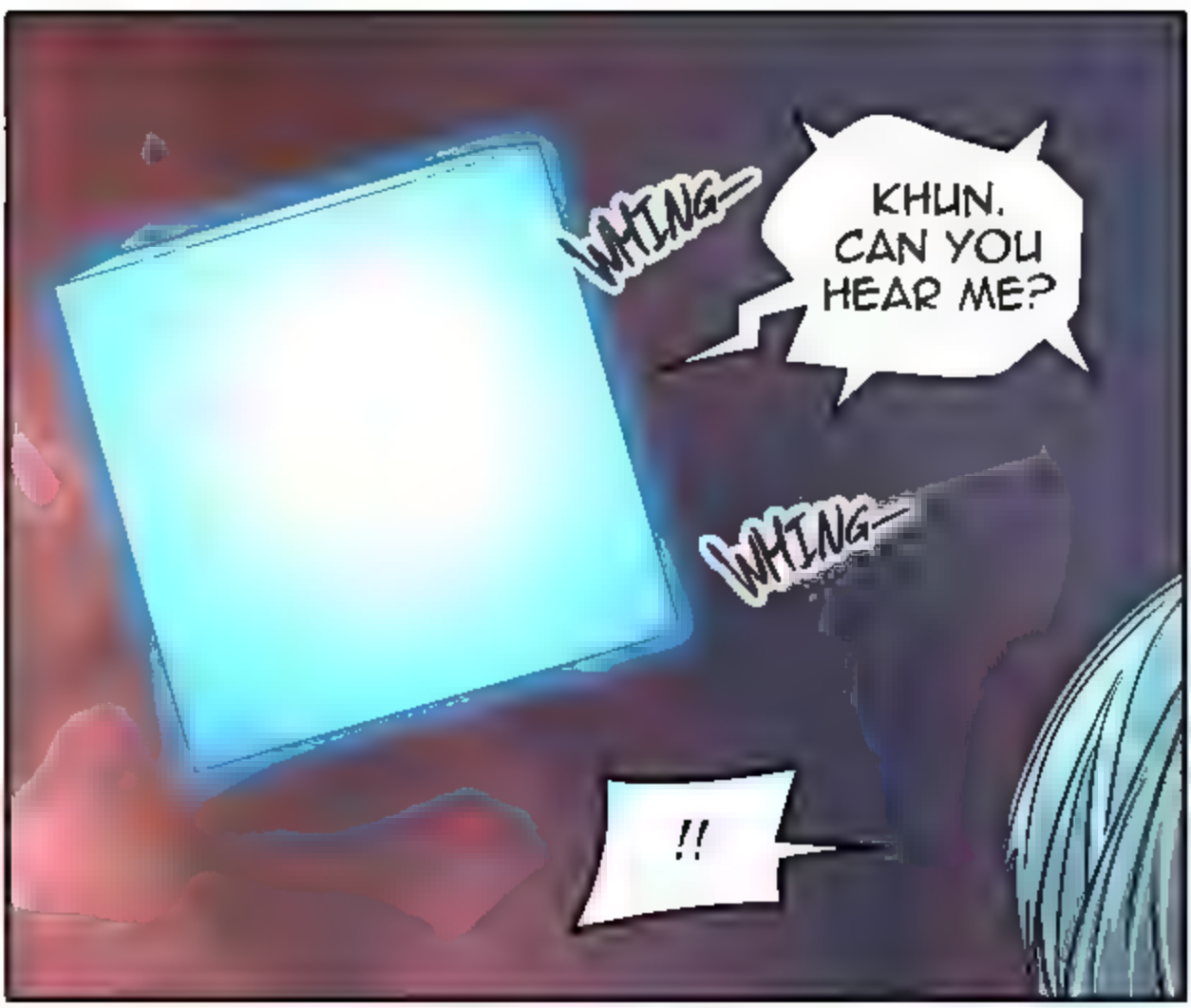

KRRRRRR
THE ENEMY IS DEAD..!!


WHING—
KHUN. CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WHING—
!!

SACHI!! DID YOU GET IN THERE SAFELY?
I MADE IT INSIDE WHILE SHE DISTRACTED THE ENEMY.
THIS PLACE IS IN A STATE OF EXTREME CHAOS.

THE GUARDS ARE TOTALLY PANICKING.
OH NO!!
DIE?!
DIE!!
SO CUTE..
LOOK AT THEM.
THEY'RE PROBABLY FLUSTERED BY THE FEAR THAT THEY COULD DIE, TOO.

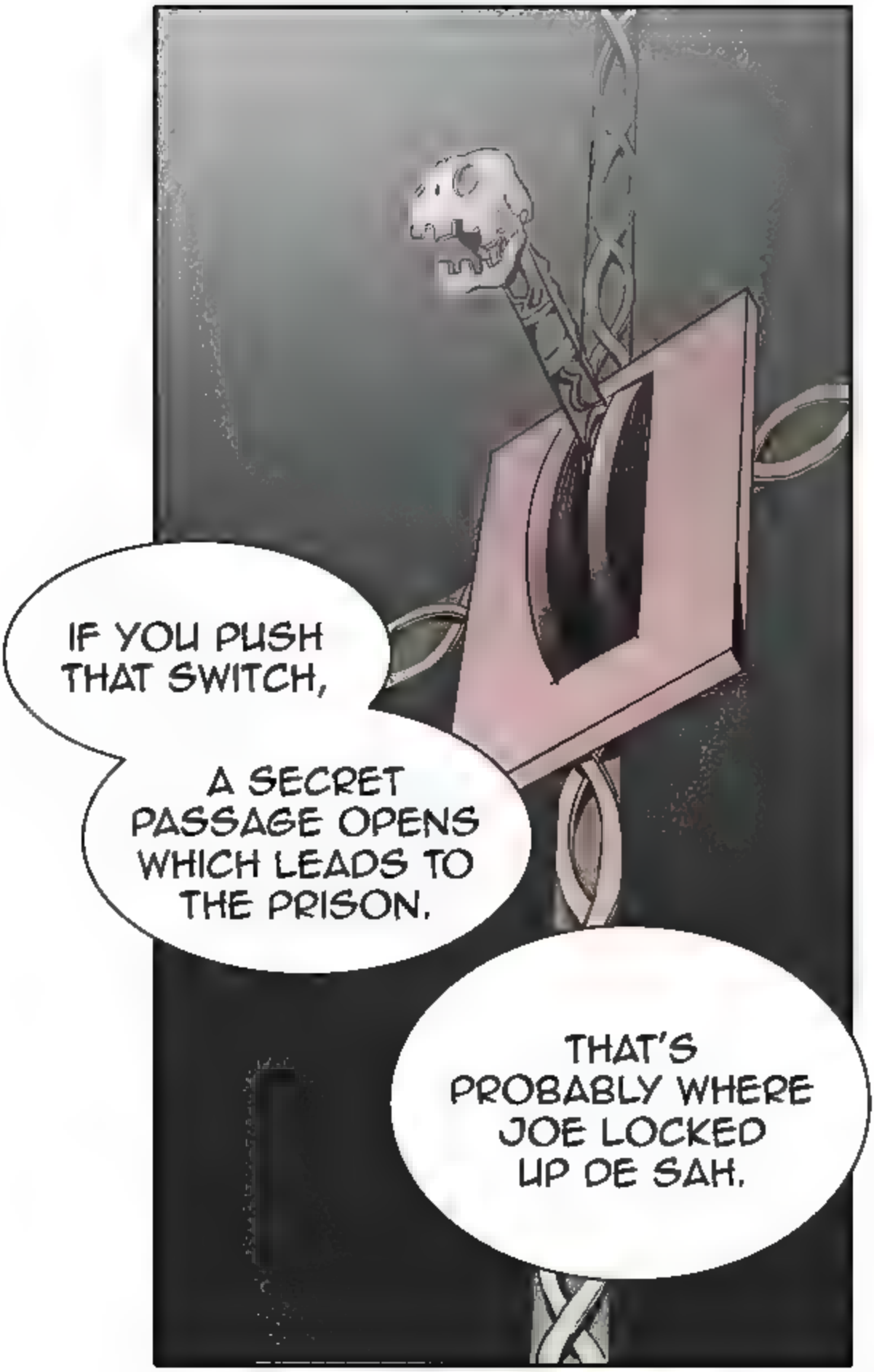
ALRIGHT.
PRINCESS ENDORSI. PREPARE THE BONG BONG.
GOT IT.

LET'S GO, BONG BONG!!
WOOSH

RUN!!
AAAHHH!
SOME CRAZY B'TCH HAS BROKEN INTO THE CASTLE!

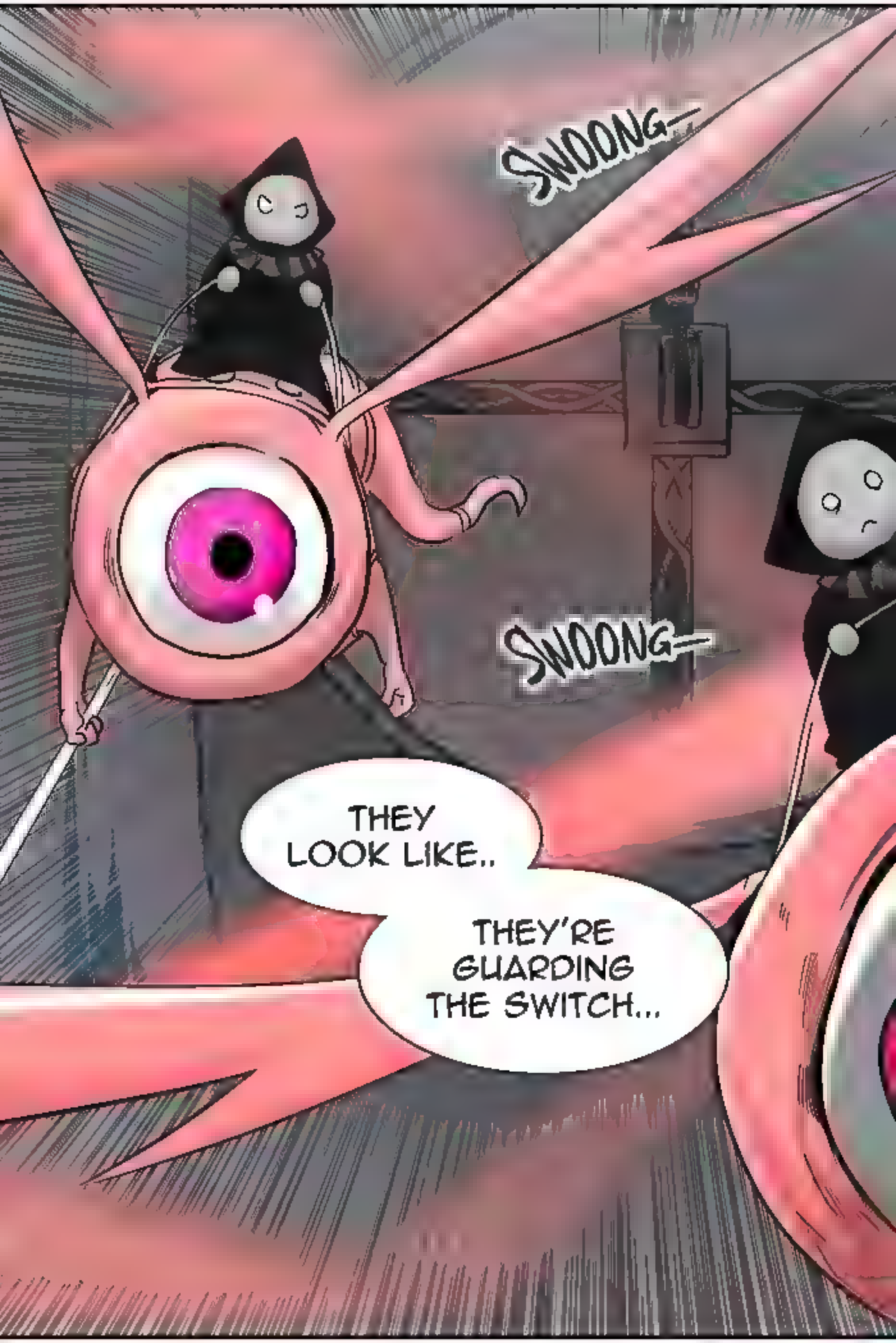
LET'S GO-
OKAY!!

IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY?
THE PLACE WITH THE SWITCH THAT OPENS THE DOOR LEADING TO THE PLACE WHERE DE SAH IS TRAPPED?
TTTTT
YES!! BASED ON THE MAP THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN TO US, I'M ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN!!


IF YOU PUSH THAT SWITCH,
A SECRET PASSAGE OPENS WHICH LEADS TO THE PRISON.
THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE JOE LOCKED UP DE SAH.

INSIDE JOE'S CASTLE
PASSAGE WITH THE SWITCH
SWOONG
!!
SWOONG
SWOONG

THOSE GUYS..


SWOONG—
SWOONG—
THEY LOOK LIKE..
THEY'RE GUARDING THE SWITCH...

INSIDE HELL JOE'S CASTLE
IT'S KIND OF HOT HERE..
DE SAH RESCUE TEAM

SSK_
HUH!?
A HAND?!
BE CAREFUL.
THE ENEMIES HERE DON'T DIE...

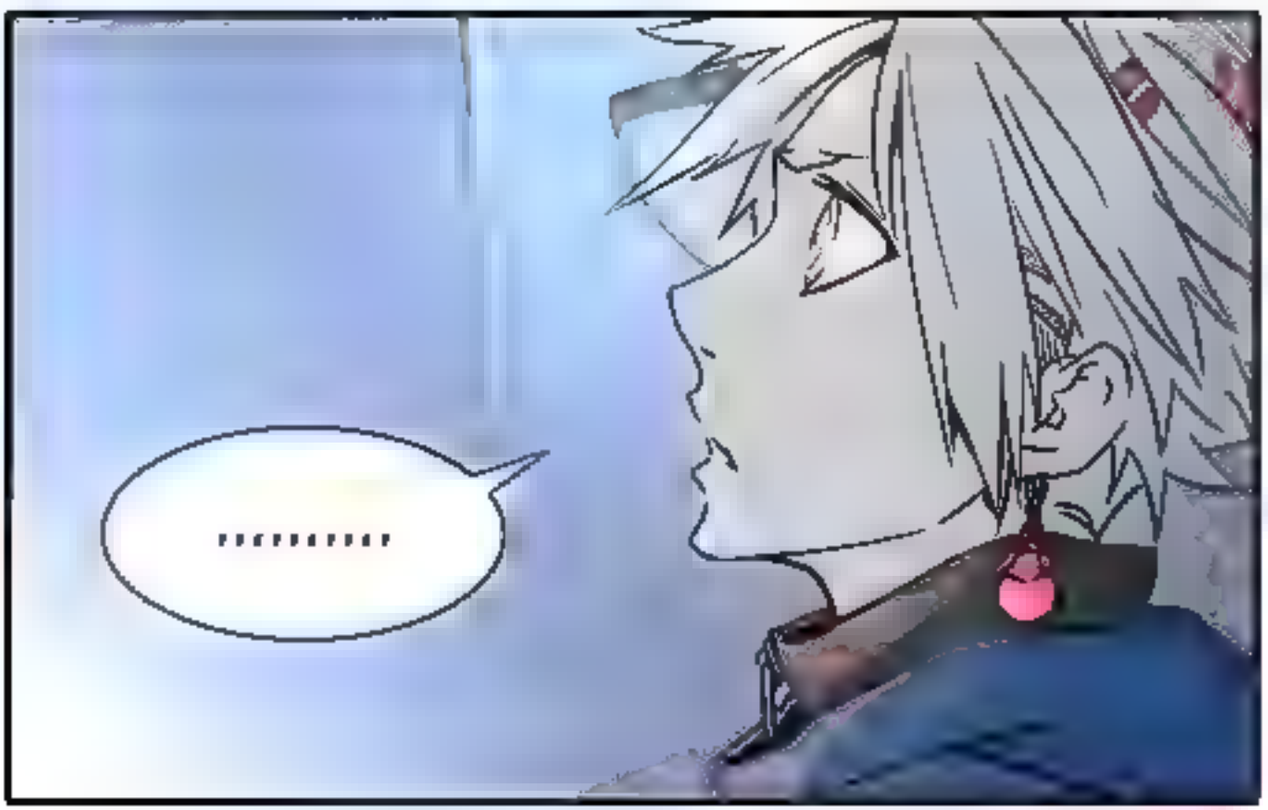
!!
GO!
INTRUDERS!!
AGH!! THEY POPPED OUT AS SOON AS YOU MENTIONED THEM!!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?! THOSE BASTARDS DON'T DIE!!
SWISH-
LEAVE THEM TO ME-!!

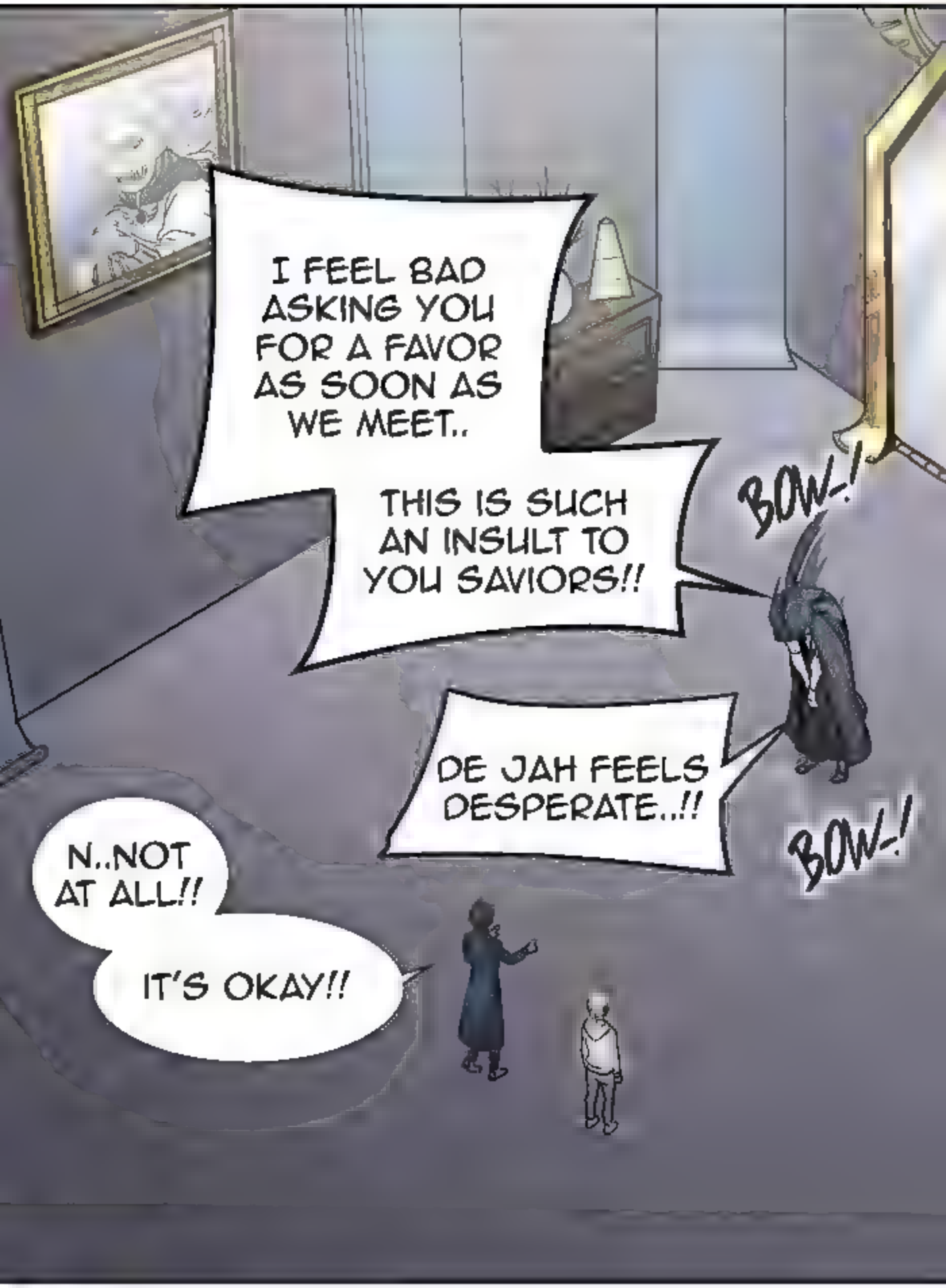
ENNA CORE!!
CLA
NG
?!

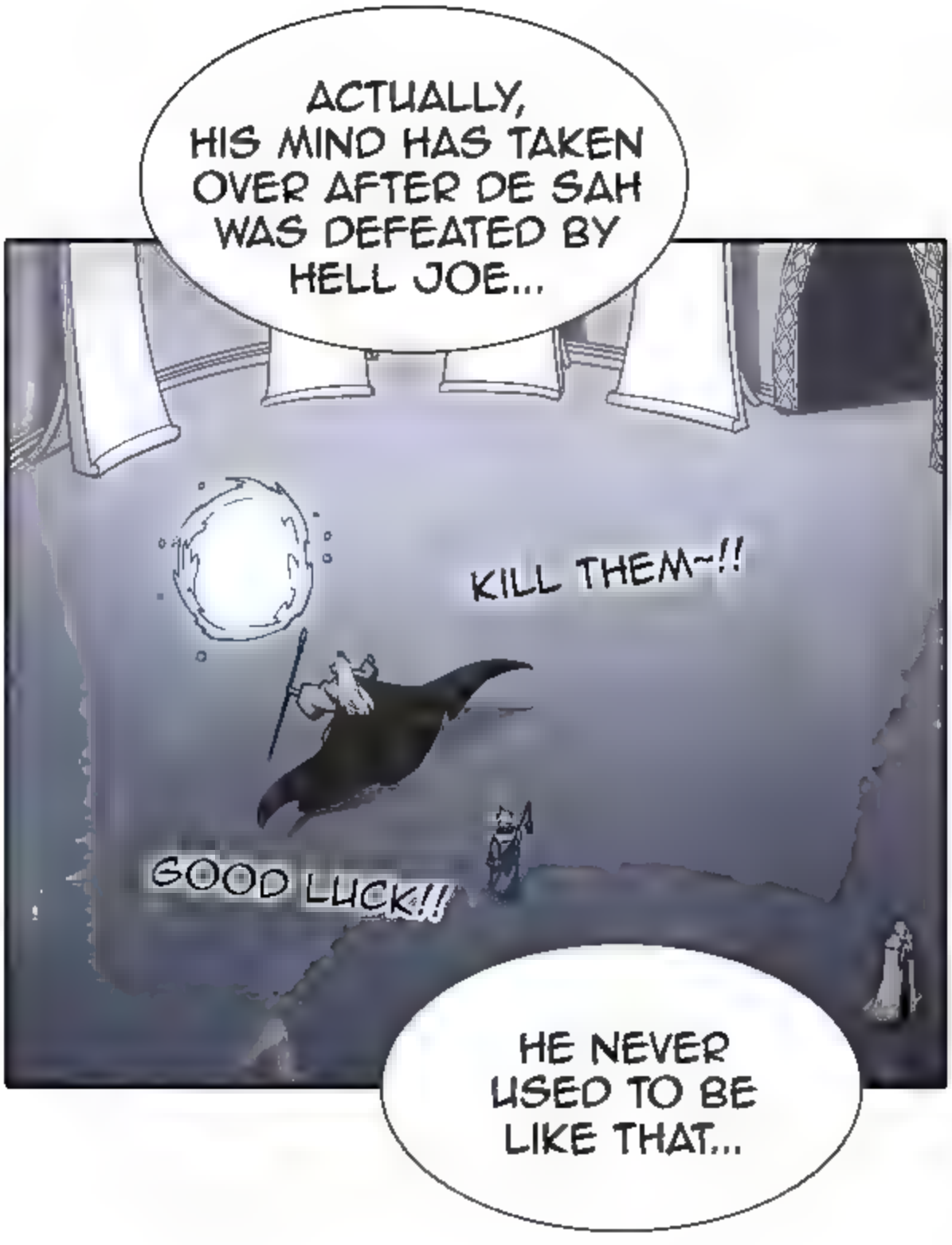
WE CAN JUST PASS BY WITHOUT KILLING THEM.
IGH!
PING-
HUH!
IGH!
PING-
PING-
HOW CONVENIENT.

INSIDE DE JAH'S CASTLE
DE JAH'S CHAMBER
DEFEAT THEM!!
KILL THEM!!



I'M SORRY!!
WHISH!!
?!

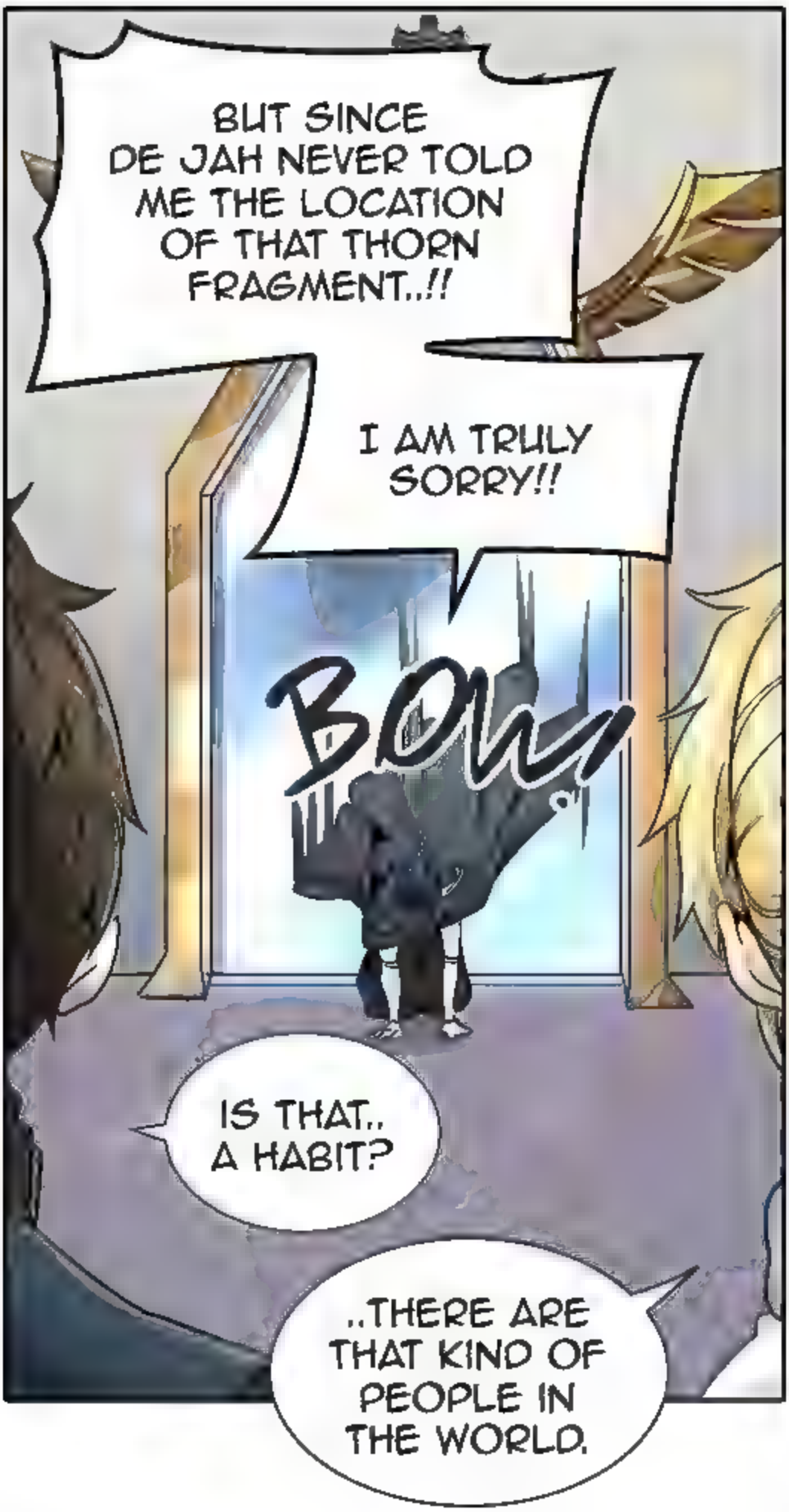

I FEEL BAD ASKING YOU FOR A FAVOR AS SOON AS WE MEET..
THIS IS SUCH AN INSULT TO YOU SAVIORS!!
BOW-!
DE JAH FEELS DESPERATE..!!
BOW-!
N..NOT AT ALL!!
IT'S OKAY!!


ACTUALLY, HIS MIND HAS TAKEN OVER AFTER DE SAH WAS DEFEATED BY HELL JOE...
KILL THEM~!!
GOOD LUCK!!
HE NEVER USED TO BE LIKE THAT...

I'M SO SORRY!!
AAAHHH-
S... SERIOUSLY,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE SO MUCH..

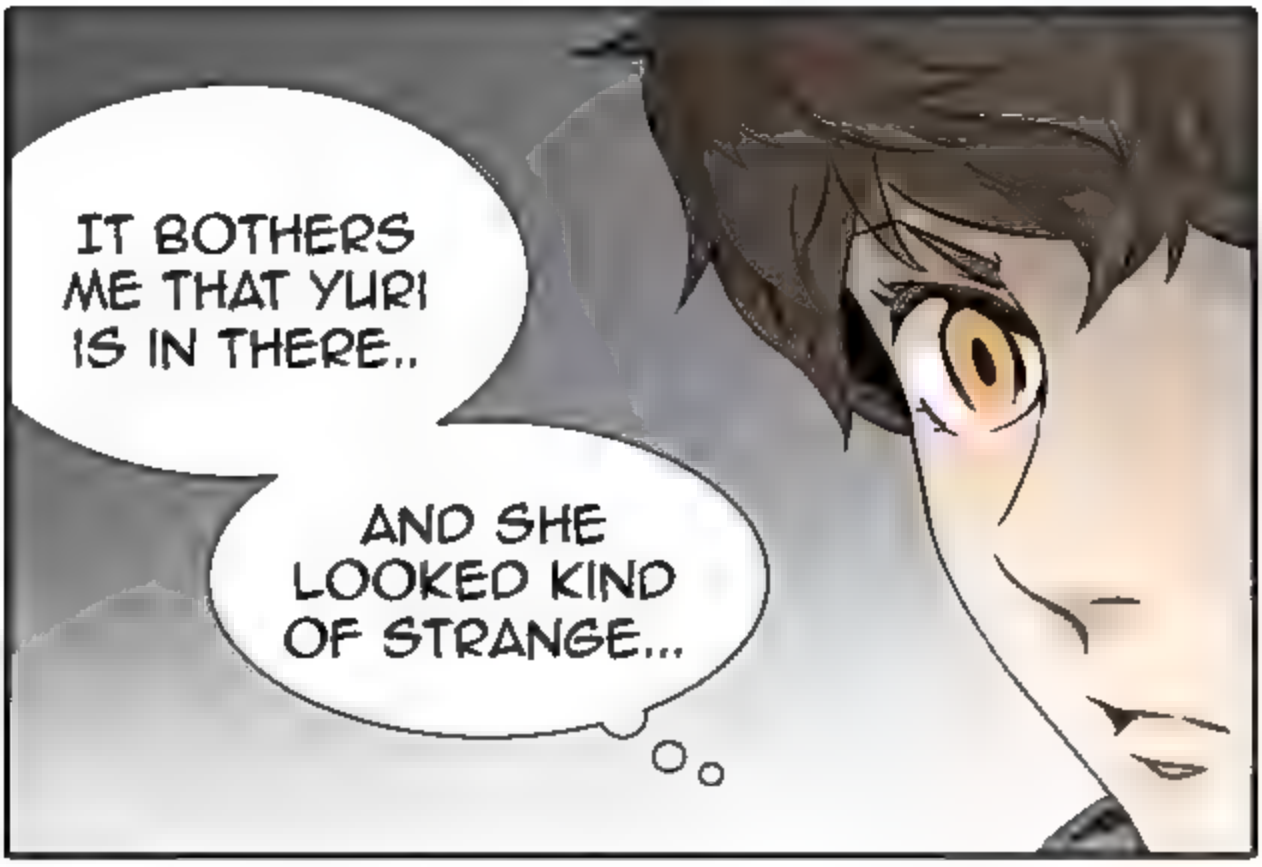
SO...
YOU TWO ARE STILL REGULARS, RIGHT?
..!!

I KNEW IT..
I CAN TELL BECAUSE I USED TO BE A RANKER.
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS FAR TOO GREAT OF A TEST FOR YOU REGULARS...
ALTHOUGH DE JAH BELIEVES THAT YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL POWER, OF COURSE.
EVEN I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THE LOCATION OF THE THORN FRAGMENT...

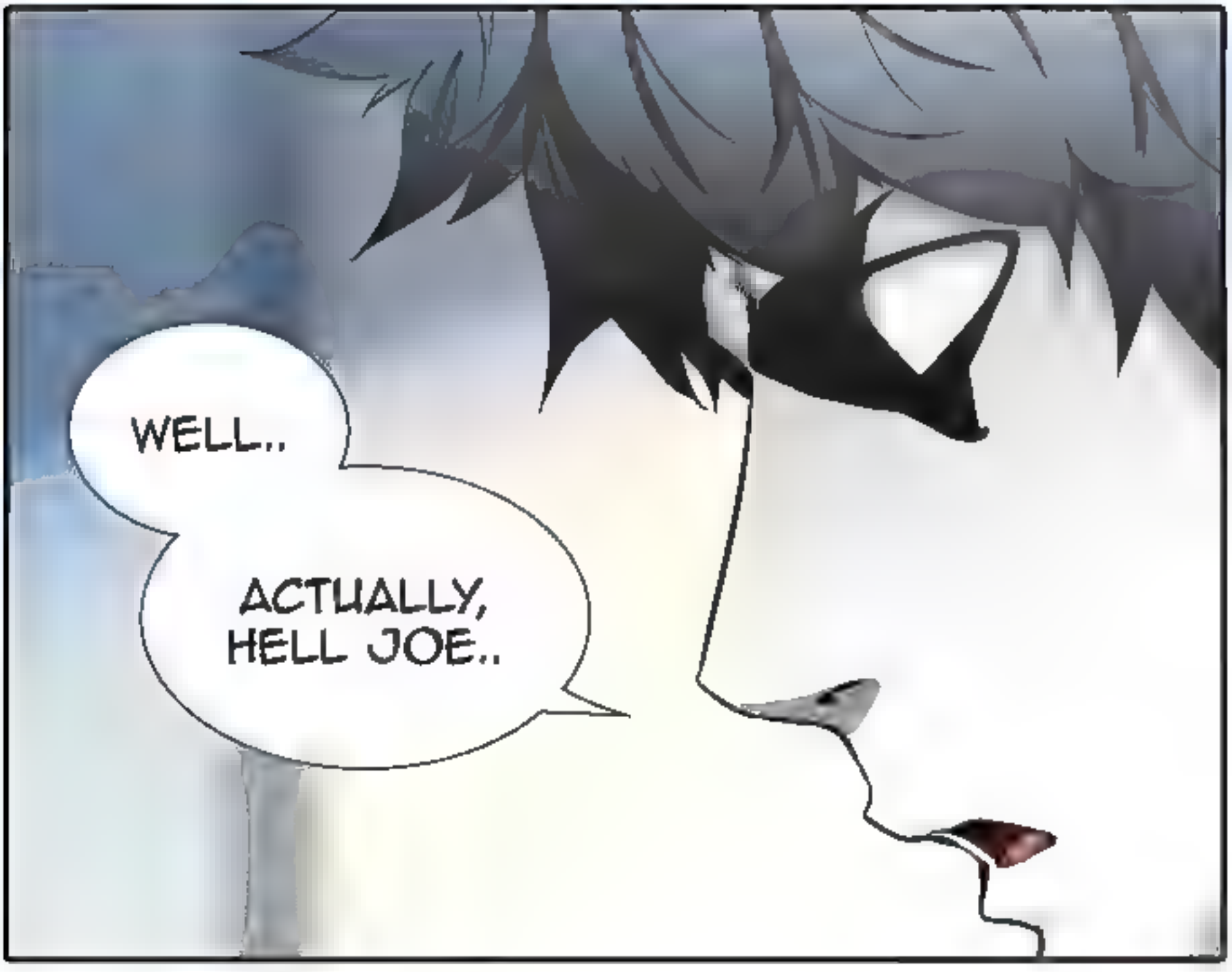

BUT SINCE DE JAH NEVER TOLD ME THE LOCATION OF THAT THORN FRAGMENT..!!
I AM TRULY SORRY!!
BOW
IS THAT.. A HABIT?
..THERE ARE THAT KIND OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, RACHEL?
ARE YOU GOING TO GO AND DEFEAT THAT HELL JOE GUY?
...I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE THORN FRAGMENT IS UNLESS I DEFEAT HIM...
AND YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU'LL GIVE UP, NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THE ENEMY IS. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
...WELL.. THAT'S TRUE..


IT BOTHERS ME THAT YURI IS IN THERE..
AND SHE LOOKED KIND OF STRANGE...

UM.. SO WHY ARE YOU TWO LEAVING IT UP TO US TO DEAL WITH HELL JOE?
YOU BOTH LOOK REALLY POWERFUL, AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, YOU'RE IMMORTAL.


WELL..
ACTUALLY, HELL JOE..

A LONG TIME AGO IN THE HALL...
HE FOUND A MONSTER.
.....?

A HIDEOUS MONSTER THAT DEVOURS THE IMMORTALS TO GROW.

NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF HELL JOE'S CASTLE
POP-
AAAHHH~!!
TKTKTA~
PLOP
RUN!!
HELP ME~!!

DAMNIT..!! HOW COULD WILCOTT DIE!?
URGH...
THIS IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED!!
THAT CRAZY BASTARD JOE BROUGHT A MONSTER INTO THE CASTLE!!

WHO NEEDS STRENGTH OR POWER?
I HAVE TO ESCAPE TO SOMEWHERE SAFE-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FABREGAS?
DUNDUN...
M..
MASTER JOE!!

I LEFT YOU IN CHARGE OF GUARDING THE SECRET PASSAGE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
W...
WELL, YOU SEE, MASTER JOE..!!

YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO RUN AWAY, WERE YOU?
WHAT!?
O..OF COURSE NOT!! NEVER!!

IF NOT,
THEN GO AND FIGHT RIGHT NOW TO PROVE IT.
H.. HUH!?

B..BUT THE ENEMY..
CAN KILL US..
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE IN BATTLE?
B..BUT..

I.. I'M USED TO FIGHTING.. OPPONENTS THAT I KNOW I CAN BEAT..

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I SAID GO AND FIGHT HER IMMEDIATELY.

BUT..

I...

TWIDDLE-

TWIDDLE-

DAMNIT!!
HISS

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
KSSSHH

HAH-
NOW YOU'RE FINALLY SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS.

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU CRAZY BASTARD!!

GRRRR
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, THEN GO AND DO IT YOURSELF!!

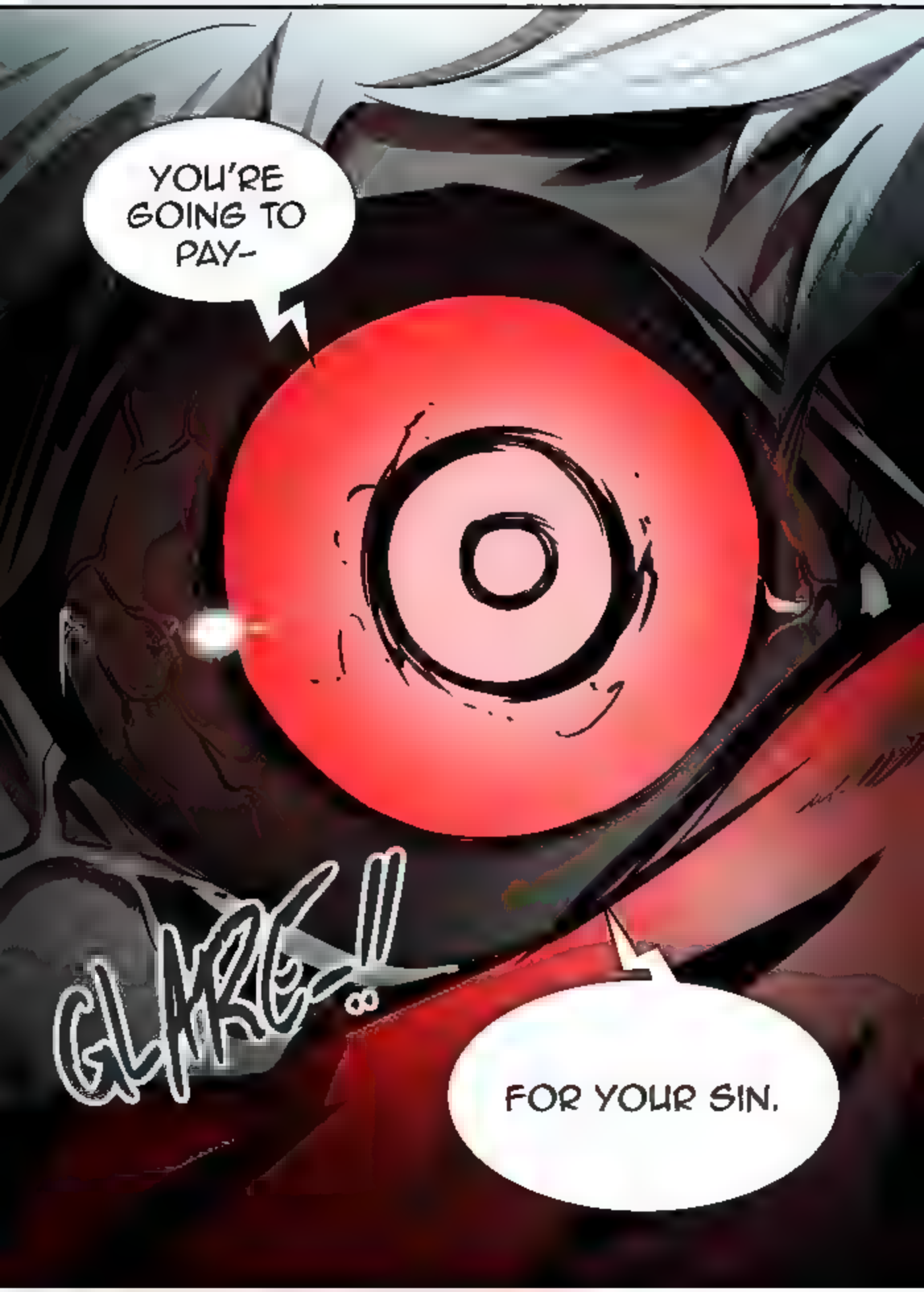
YOU CRAZY BASTARD-!!
ROAR

Kiss

!!

HOW DARE YOU
SHAKE THAT FILTHY TAIL AT ME-

GROWL


YOU'RE GOING TO PAY-
GLARE!!
FOR YOUR SIN.

NOOOOO!!

HELL JOE.
THE MONSTER THAT HE FOUND IN THE HOLES.
THE 'RED THRYSSA.'

THAT MONSTER, KNOWN AS ONE OF THE TOP PREDATORS ON THE TOWER WITH A NAME LIKE A DIVINE SEA FISH,

AAAAHHHH!!

AAAHHH!! P..PLEASE FORGIVE ME, HELL JOE!!

HAS A TREMENDOUS 'PREDATORY' ABILITY WHICH IS SO POWERFUL

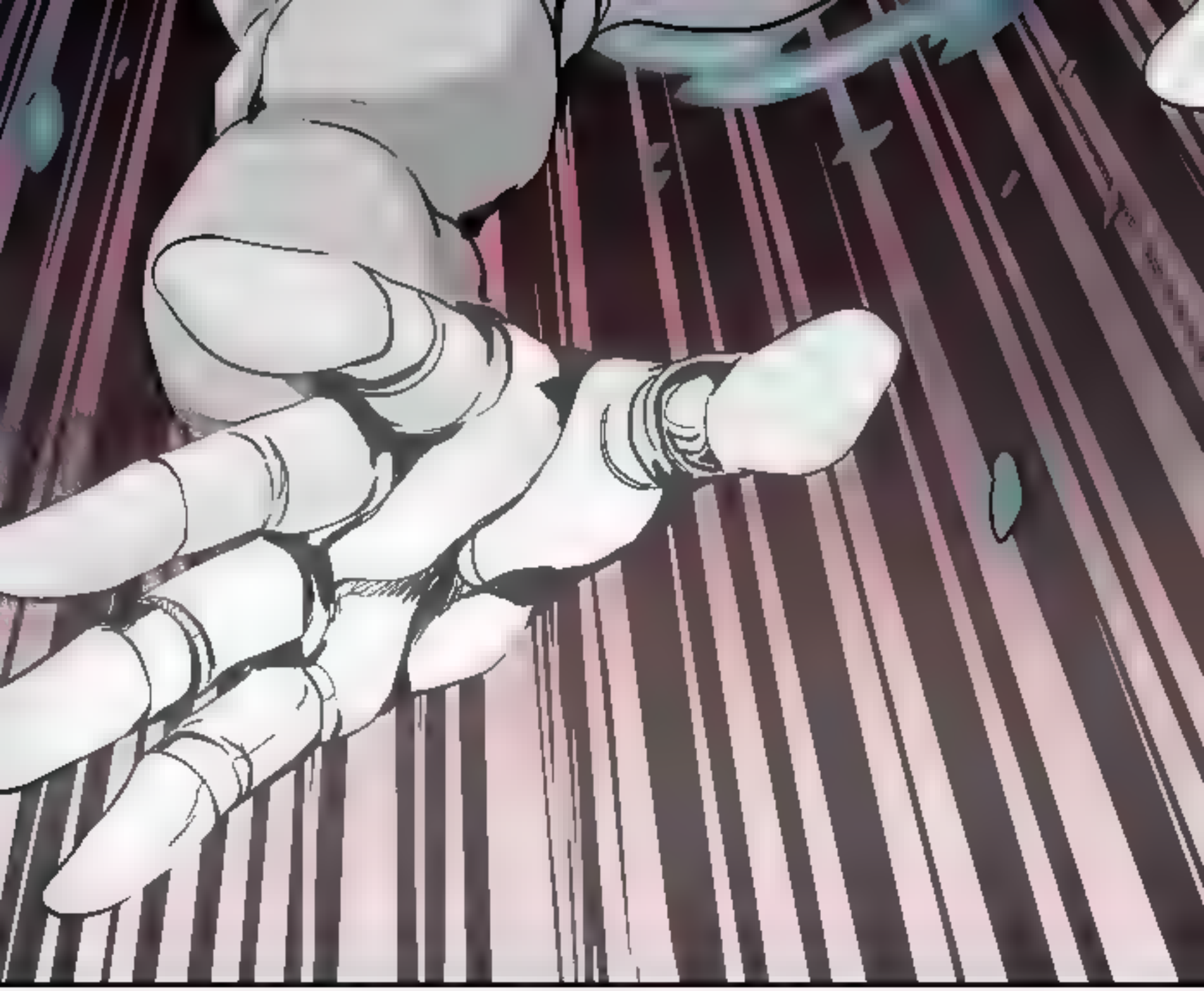
CRUNCH—

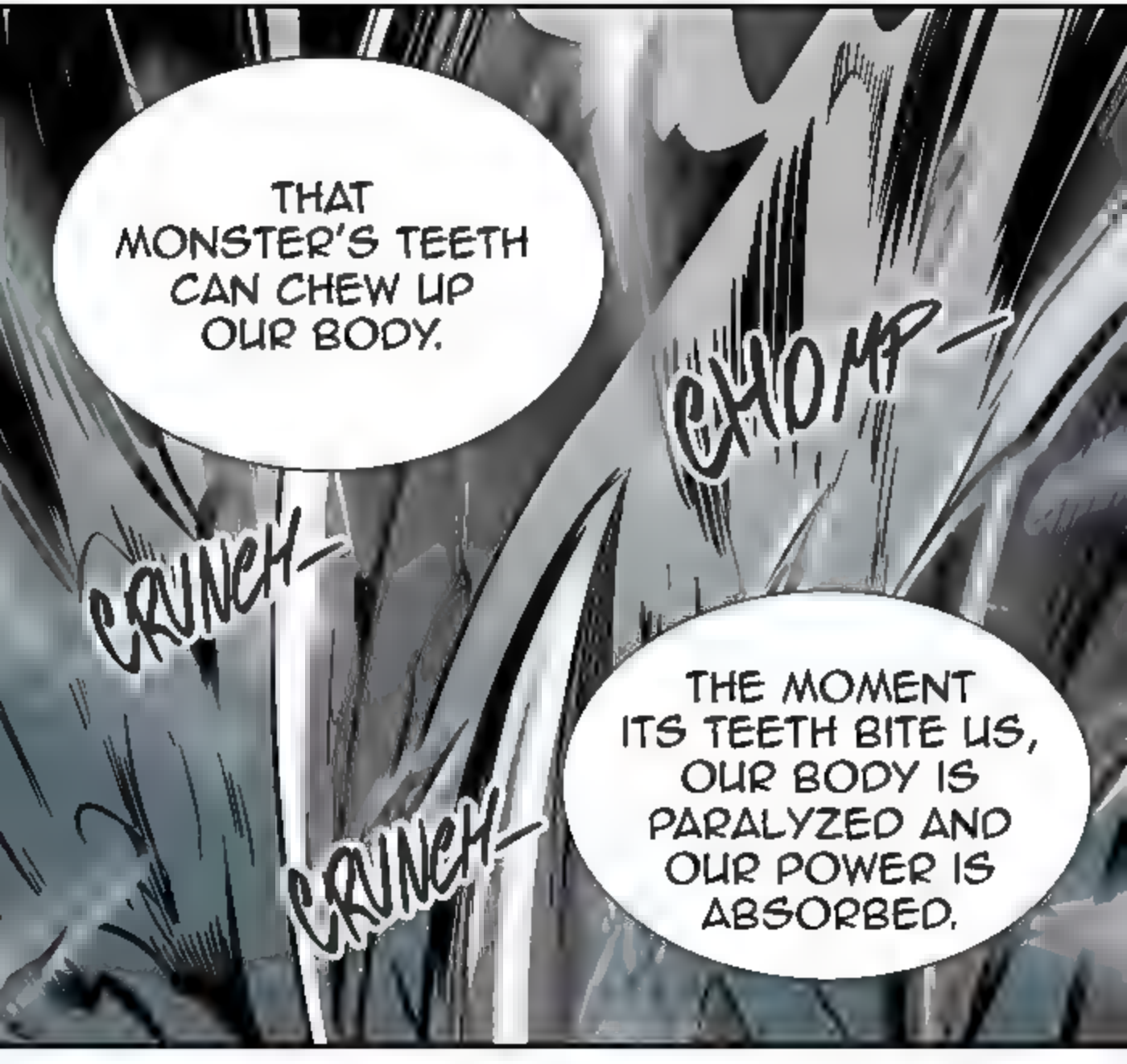
CHOMP—

CRUNCH—

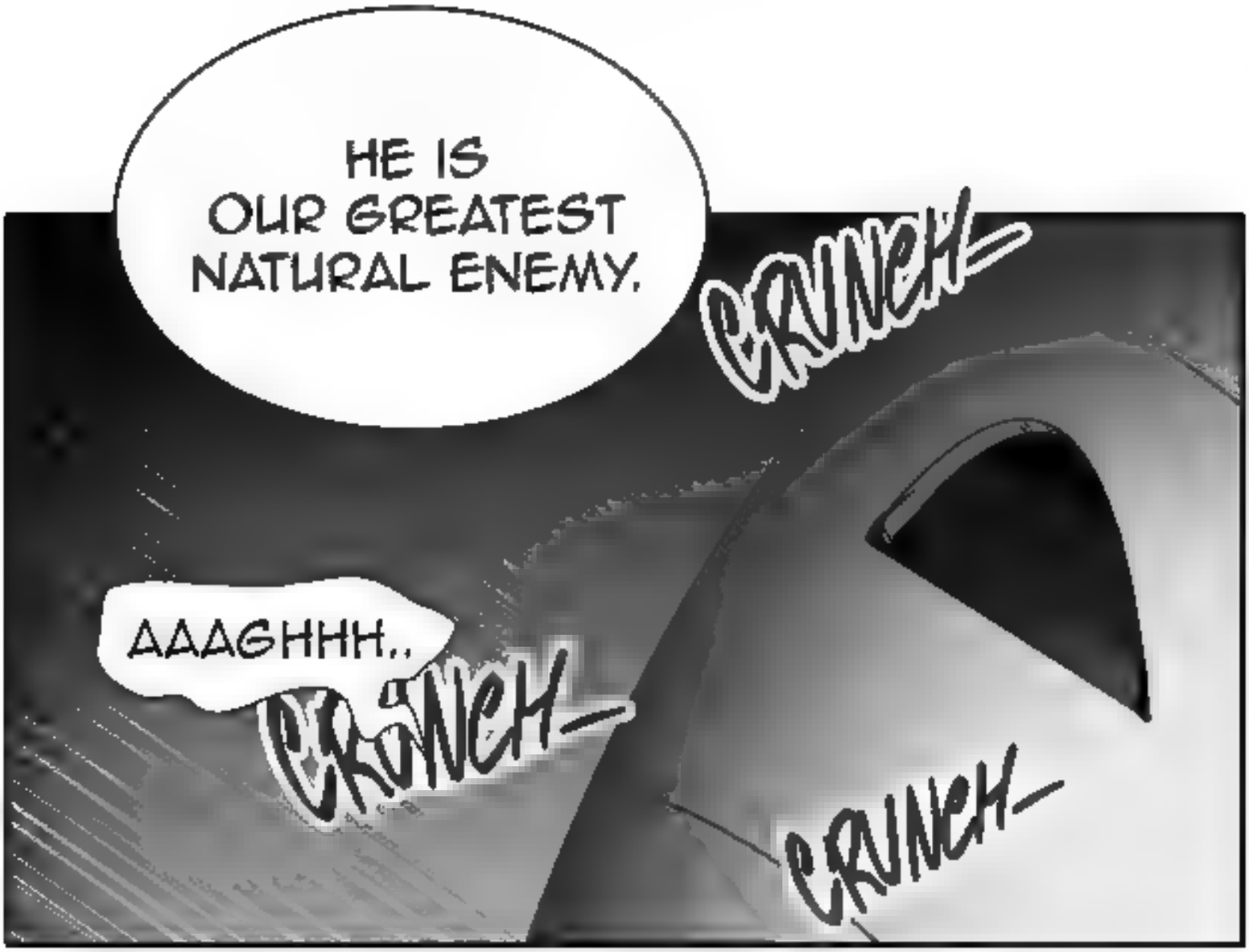
AAAAGHHHH!!

THAT IT CAN EVEN CANCEL OUR IMMORTALITY SPELL.




THAT MONSTER'S TEETH CAN CHEW UP OUR BODY.
CHOMP—
CRUNCH—
CRUNCH—
THE MOMENT ITS TEETH BITE US, OUR BODY IS PARALYZED AND OUR POWER IS ABSORBED.

AAAHHH..
AAAGHHH.. UGH...
SO ONCE HE CATCHES US, WE BECOME COMPLETELY HELPLESS PREY.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH


HE IS OUR GREATEST NATURAL ENEMY.
CRUNCH—
AAAGHHH..
CRUNCH—
CRUNCH—

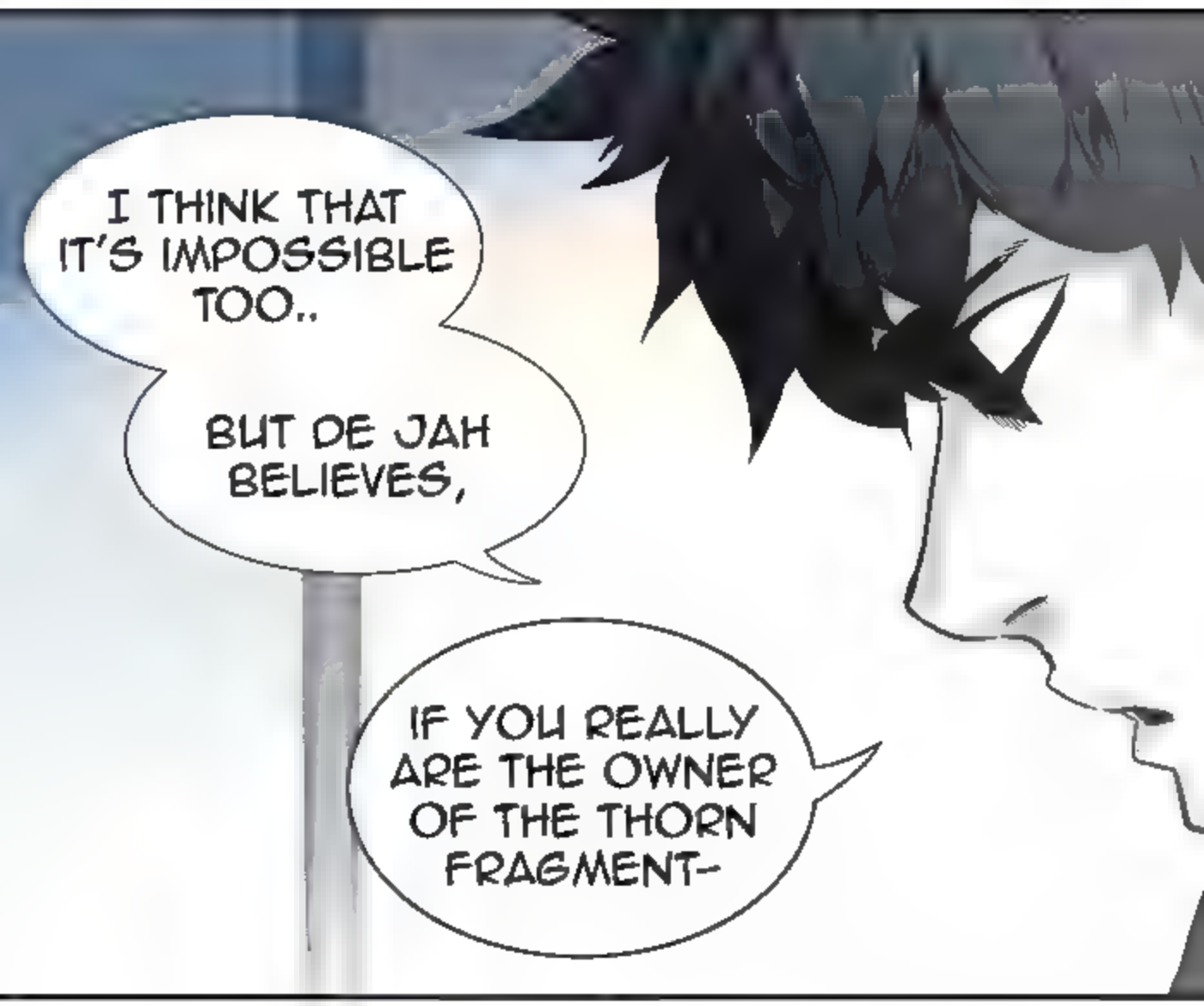
OF COURSE HE CAN'T KILL US THAT WAY BUT
IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO RECOVER POWER.
P..PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON ME..
SIR..
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THE ABILITY EXISTS EQUALLY IN JOE'S TEETH AS WELL AS IN HIS RIGHT HAND.
JOE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT ABILITY TO TAKE AWAY THE POWER OF THE SOUTH CITY RESIDENTS AND DISTRIBUTE THAT POWER TO THEIR MEN.

HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN WHY YOU SWORE TO BE LOYAL TO ME?
YOU FOOLS.
GRRRRR

IT LOOKS LIKE A FEW MORE LITTLE RATS HAVE ENTERED THE CASTLE.
THUD-

I'LL GO GREET HER OUTSIDE.
I'LL RETURN YOUR POWER IF YOU BRING THEM TO ME, FABREGAS.
THUD-
THUD
YES..
HELL... JOE...
TREMBLE-
TREMBLE-

IN ADDITION, JOE CAN MANIPULATE THE HOLE TO NEUTRALIZE HIS OPPONENT'S SHINSU ATTACK.
HE'S BASICALLY INVINCIBLE.
WHAT!?
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT A MONSTER LIKE THAT?!


I THINK THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TOO..
BUT DE JAH BELIEVES,
IF YOU REALLY ARE THE OWNER OF THE THORN FRAGMENT-

YOU MUST HAVE SUCH REMARKABLE POWER THAT YOU COULD EASILY DEFEAT SOMEONE LIKE JOE...
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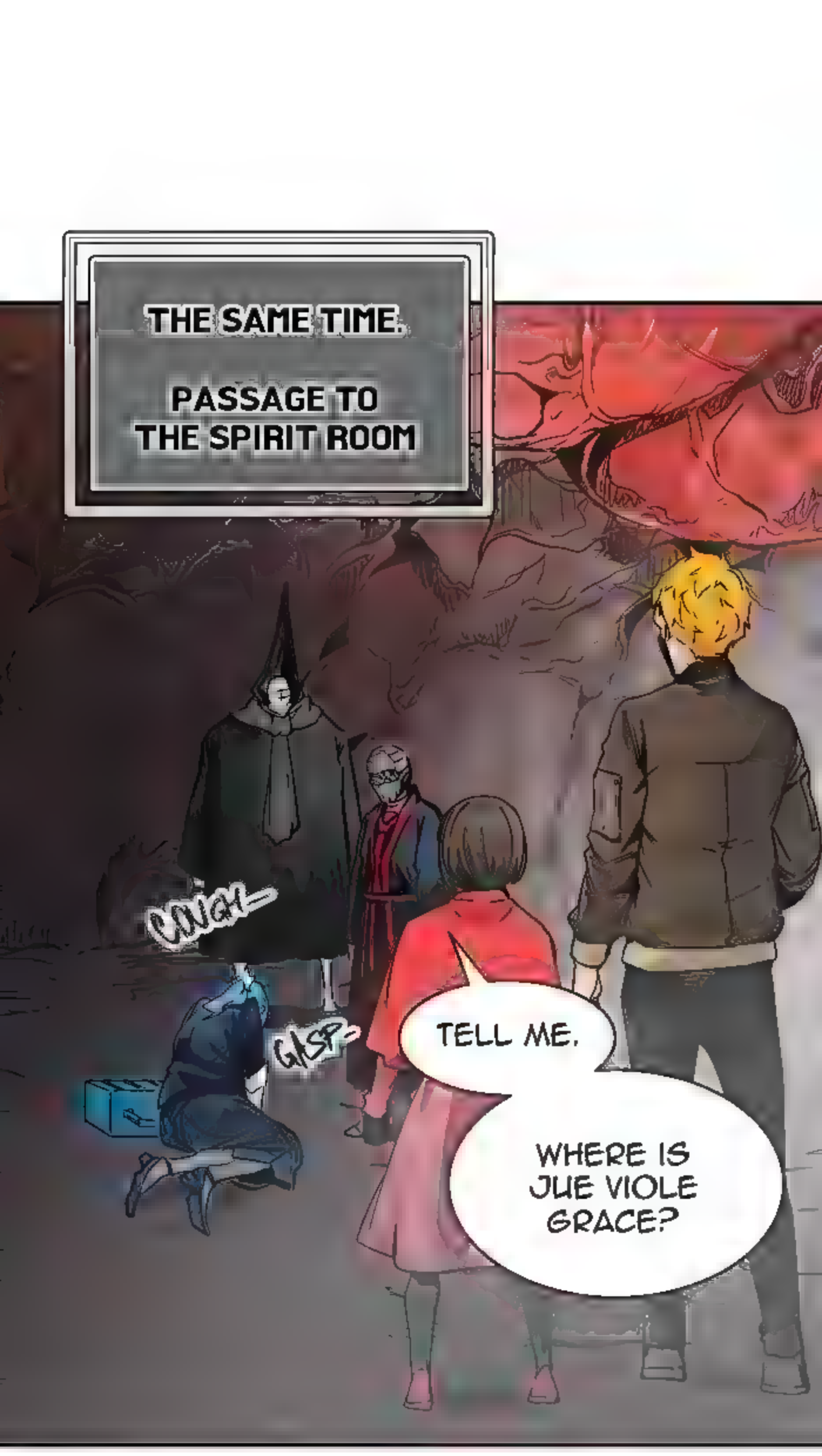
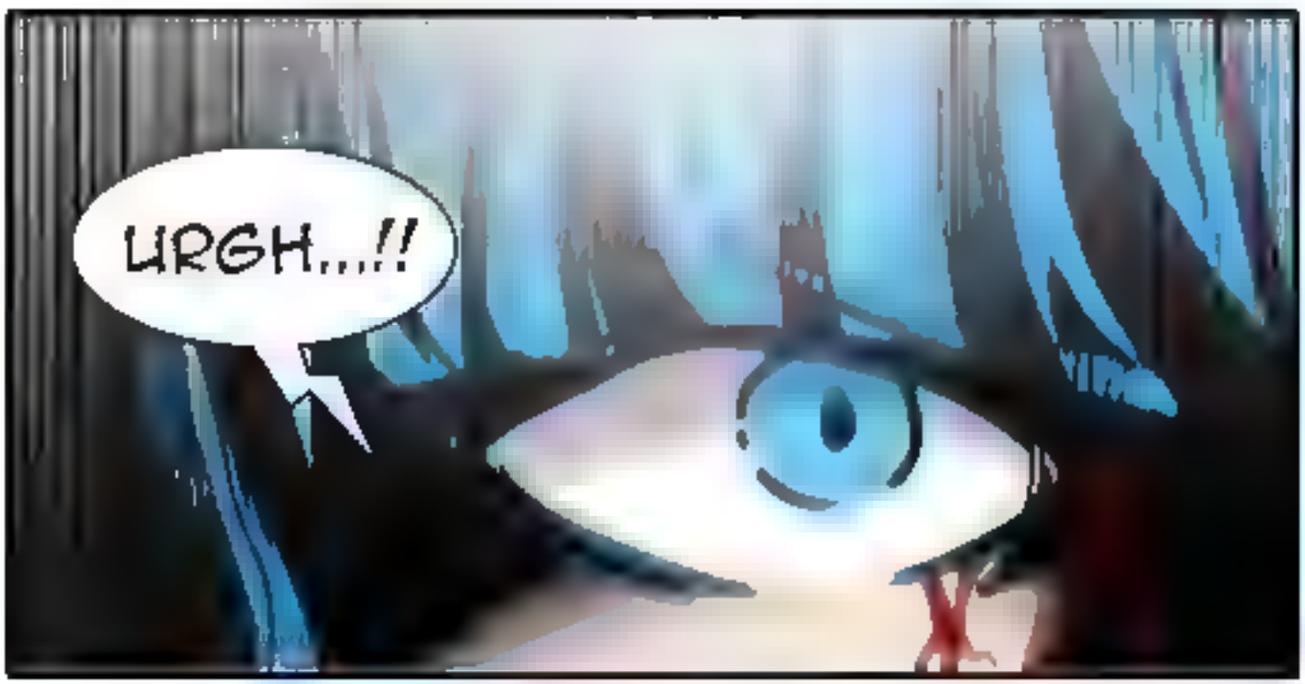

THE SAME TIME.
PASSAGE TO THE SPIRIT ROOM
COUGH
GASP
TELL ME.
WHERE IS JUE VIOLE GRACE?

WELL.. IF YOU CAN'T TELL ME YOURSELF,
I CAN JUST USE MY ABILITY AS A SCOUT
SSK
TO SEARCH YOUR MIND-


URGH...!!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
ARE THEY AGAINST EACH OTHER NOW?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING-

SWISH-
BUT I FEEL LIKE I HAD BETTER NOT LET KARAKA KNOW WHERE VIOLE IS..!!

DAMNIT..!!

KRRRRR

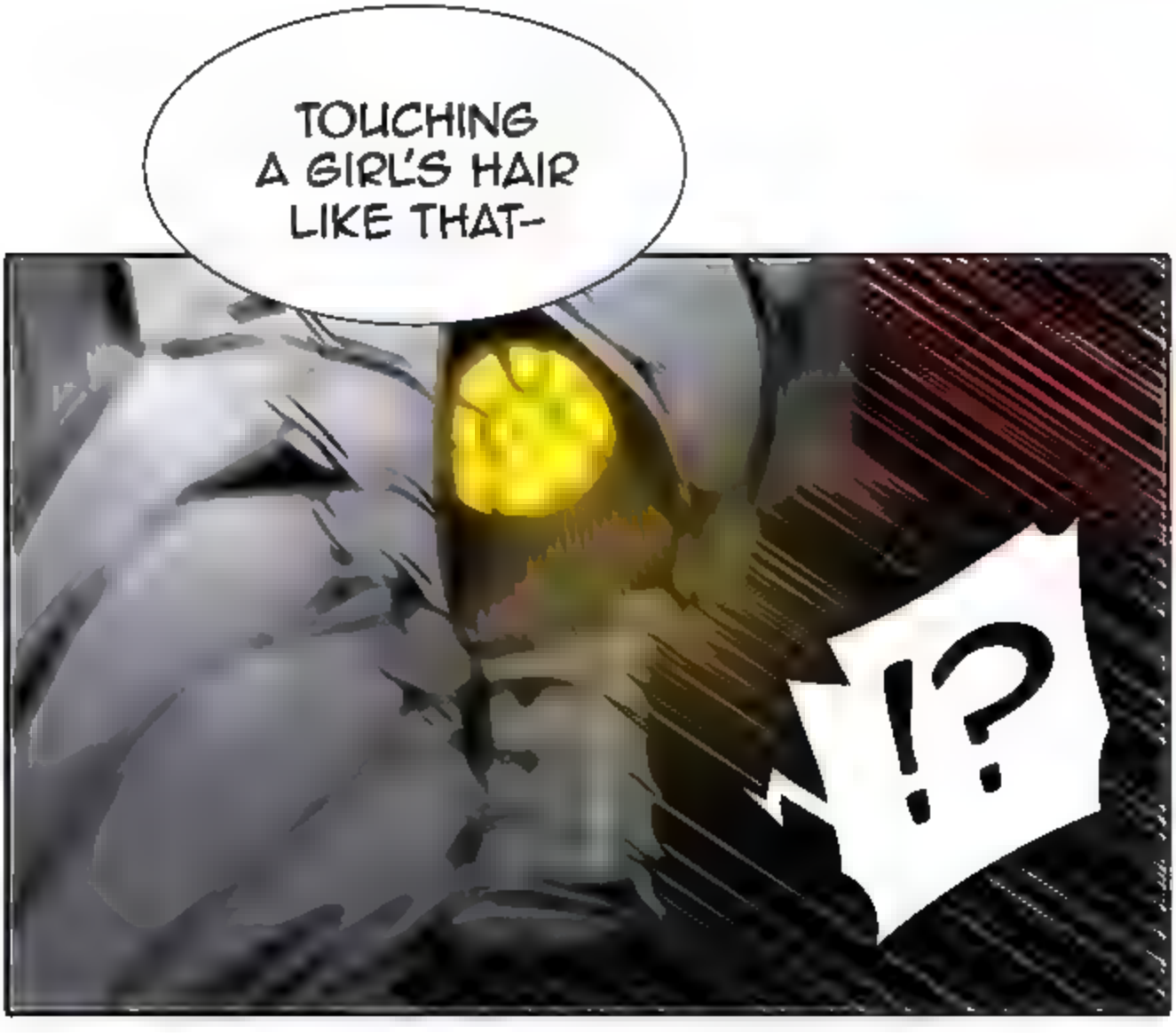
I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE..!!

AT THIS RATE...!!

HE'LL FIND OUT EVERYTHING...!!
THAT'S ENOUGH...!!
SWOOSH

STOP IT..!!

HEY. THAT'S NOT RIGHT.


TOUCHING A GIRL'S HAIR LIKE THAT-
!?

KSSHH
KSSHH
KSSHH

IS SO
RUDE!!

KRRRRRRR

I JUST FOLLOWED SOME PERFUME SCENT AND RAN DOWN HERE
WHO.. ARE YOU..?
AND THERE HAPPENS TO BE A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS..?

I KNEW IT..
I'M DESTINED TO BE EVERY GIRL'S HERO, AREN'T I?
KRRRRRRRR

U...
UREK MAZINO!?